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GENERATION
of a new generation

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

-- This application is the US national phase of international application

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

4. (Amended) Transformed plant and its progeny according to claim 1,
characterized in that it exhibits one or more essential amino acid(s) whose content is
increased over that of the untransformed plant